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O.R.H.S. BUDGET MEETING DRAWS 1600

1991-1992 Budget Confirmed at \$11.3m

by Bill Simmons and Skot Long

More than 1680 people attended the annual school district meeting held at Oyster River High School on March 6 & 7th to decide numerous issues including the 1991-1992 school budget.

At the end of the second night district voters voted 635 to 294 to accept the School Board's proposed budget of \$11,262,663.

The School Board's budget includes a 2.4% increase over last year, but high school staff will still need to be cut because the budget passed is not sufficient to maintain current programs and keep up with inflation.

The proposed cuts are: .6 foreign language FTE (full time equivalent) 1.4 English FTE, 1.0 math FTE, 1.0 science FTE, .4 social studies FTE, .5 business FTE, and 1.0 physical education FTE.

About the teacher cuts Ms. Brown commented that they "know the levels [of cuts] we have to deal with, but not specifically where they are going to be."

Ms. Brown claims that the teachers to be cut cannot be decided upon until course sign-ups are finished.

The major opposition to the School Board's budget came from the Oyster River Taxpayer's



Chairperson Mrs. Leder speaks to the packed house at the annual school district meeting.

Association, who wanted to cut the budget to \$10.02 million, representing a \$400,000 cut from last year. When votes were cast, the ORTA did not have the support necessary to secure their cut.

Senior Andrea Collins spoke up in favor of the school budget. She claimed that "the athletic council is very concerned on the impending doom." She stated that the athletes of ORHS have a consistently higher percentage of honor roll students than non-athletes. To end her speech she said, "we are the youth of today and the leaders of

tomorrow." Another issue at hand was the election of School Board members for next year. Iris Estabrook won in Durham, incumbent Lee Seidel in Lee, and David Penniman, a member of the ORTA, for Madbury.

One major issue discussed was whether or not the district would "raise and appropriate the sum of \$254,286 to fund in 1991-1992" a 3.25% teacher raise. There was a strong debate on this issue that lasted 2 hours. The final vote was 746 yes and 629 no.

"I'm overwhelmed at the support we saw from the community," com-

mented High School principal Ann Draper Brown. "I'm grateful for everyone's efforts: students, teachers, parents, community members, to organize the support."

The registered voters voted to give \$5,000 to a law suit to sue the state for not properly funding education. Thirty other districts have donated to this cause.

The voters also approved the spending of \$5,000 for the research on year-round schools. "A number of places in the U.S. are already using year-round schools," com-

Faculty cuts in order for 1991-1992 year

by John Cirillo

After two days of meeting with the residents from Durham, Lee, and Madbury, the school board's proposal 1991-1992 Oyster River school budget was passed.

The main effect of this budget will be a reduction in the teaching staff at Oyster River high school. Almost every department will suffer from a cut. Ann Brown, the Oyster River High School principal, said, "one teacher will be cut from science, math, and physical education, .5 of a teacher in business, 1.4 teachers in English, .6 in the foreign language department, and .4-.6 teachers in social studies." Mrs. Perry, the social studies department head, said, "it could mean electives would be eliminated, but we won't know until signups."

A number of factors will play an integral role in the reduction of teachers in each department. Mrs. Brown added that a few of these would be, "how many years of teaching experience, and years at the high school, the number of hours earned in staff development."

When talking with students about the reduction of teachers for next year, most students have the same feeling and attitude

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C.H.A.I.N. SPEAKERS ADVOCATE DRUG SEARCHES

by Skot Long

The community organization C.H.A.I.N. (Community Health Action and Information Network), gave a drug awareness presentation to interested parents and community members on February 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Oyster River High School.

The presentation featured a display of actual drugs and drug paraphernalia confiscated by the Dover and Durham police departments.

Detective Tony Calloroso from the Dover police department presented marijuana in joints, a one ounce bag, and a 1/2 pound bag. He also presented

cocaine, crack, and acid on Christmas tree papers.

"Parents, don't be afraid to search their rooms or their pockets. It's better to know that your kids are using drugs than to let them have privacy," was the advice Detective Calloroso gave to the parents, "To bull with the kid's privacy."

The presentation lasted 1 hour and 45 minutes. It consisted of 6 speakers ranging from lawyers, to police officers, to ORHS principal Ann Draper Brown. At the end of the presentation parents were able to get closer and see the drugs and paraphernalia with Detec-

tive Calloroso looking on and giving advice.

"I was deeply offended by the detectives methods", commented junior Tim Myers. "The Chairman of C.H.A.I.N., Jack Lynes, said that we are all members of C.H.A.I.N., and if I'm supposed to be a member, I'm not being treated equal to other members by having my room searched."

"The presentation was coming from an enforcement standpoint more than a social-educational standpoint," said senior Stephanie Chasteen. "They could have had a more equal distribution

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Drug paraphernalia at C.H.A.I.N. meeting.

New tech.ed courses in set design home renovation

by Gabe Brown

Oyster River High Industrial Arts teacher Mr. Lofgren is expecting a larger enrollment in the Technical Education Department in the 1991-92 school year.

He predicts that the most popular courses next year will be Theatrical Set Design, and Adult Survival Skills which teaches necessary and helpful skills for anyone planning to own a house.

One of Mr. Lofgren's goals is to get more students active in shop. "Course listings are designed to appeal to those students who normally wouldn't take shop courses. Also some courses fill fine arts requirements." Mr. Lofgren is enthusiastic about the Mechanical Design and Construction course. He says this class will allow "inventors to come in and try out their inventions."

Another of Mr. Lofgren's goals is to interact with other classes. This year a science class has come in to work on planetarium projects and the phys-



Mr. Lofgren works with students in the Ind. Arts Rm.

ics classes have come in to work on airfoils.

Currently Mr. Lofgren teaches Woodworking and Basic Metals and Small Engines. Next year he will also offer Basic and Advanced Woodworking, Metals and Small Engines, Furniture Design and Construction, Three Dimensional Design and Mechanical

Designs and Construction.

Mr. Lofgren is excited about the changing curriculum and says if any one is interested, "Come down, if you are curious. Introduce yourself and take a look around the shop. Shop is hands-on experience for anyone," says Mr. Lofgren.

French/Spanish classes hold Foreign Language Festival

by Sebastien Roy

The Foreign Language department is preparing for its third annual Language Festival March 27 at 6:30 p.m. The Festival, presented by Spanish, French, and Latin students, involves the work of each foreign language class. This year, the Festival will be held in the language rooms, the cafeteria, and throughout the halls of Oyster River High School.

The Festival is a mix of activities prepared beforehand by the teachers and students.

Some classes will be presenting short plays, and scenes from stories read in class, such as "Le Comte de Monte Cristo", by French IV, "Petit Nicolas", by French II, "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" by the French V class, "The Three-Cornered Hat" by the Spanish III class, and a number of fairy tales by the Spanish II class.

The Latin class will be doing something new to the Festival, and that is using the school's planetarium as a presentation area. They will tell their

audience about ancient myths concerning the constellations. Ann Draper Brown, the school principal, comments on the idea. "I look forward each year to the language festival, and this year, it will be even better with the planetarium show done by the Latin students."

Other activities include singing, a slide show of Quebec city, Canada, a gallery of student interpreted Mexican paintings, other plays, and a wide variety of foreign cuisine.

Each student receives a set number of extra credit points for each contribution to the Festival. Steve Wourgiotis, director of two French skits, and a student in French IV, French V, and Spanish III, was asked what he expected of this year's Foreign Language Festival. "Food and lots of extra credit!" he commented with much enthusiasm.

According to Lance Waterfield, a French IV student, the Language

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Frosh wash scheduled April 13

by Mike Card

For the months of April and May, the freshman and sophomore classes have a number of events planned.

On Saturday, April 13th, the freshman class has a car wash from 1 to 5:30 p.m. at Burger King. After the car wash, the class will meet at the Tin Palace for pizza, videos and soft drinks. While the price has not been set Mrs. Abbott believes that it should cost between five and eight dollars and runs from 6 to 9 p.m.

"In May, there is a possibility of a softball game between the freshman and sophomore classes," Mrs. Abbott said. After the game,

there will be a cookout involving both classes.

These freshmen commented on the activities this year. Dustin Forest said, "I am satisfied with the activities. The class officers have been doing a good job." Another student, Dan Hodsdon, "We've done a lot of things even though a lot of people have not been involved. The thing I enjoyed most was the ski trip." Marnie Thibault agreed with Dan. She said, "Yes, I liked the ski trip. We have not done a lot of stuff. The dance didn't work out well but maybe we'll have another one." The Freshmen will have a

Students looking forward to prom

by Brenda Worden

The 1991 prom is drawing near, and this year's prom could end up being "the most original and most elegant of all proms," said prom committee member, Tory Jennison.

This year's prom will be held on Friday, May 17th, at the Frank Jones Center in Portsmouth, NH. The approximate price for the tickets will be between \$25-30 (no set price yet).

The theme will be Victorian garden, with different shades of burgundy as the prominent color focus. The FJC has a Victorian setting with columns, chandeliers, and ceiling mirrors in and about the room, with a

ballroom-type of dance floor situated in the center. The committee plans on decorating with ribbons and flowers as opposed to balloons and streamers. "The FJC is too elegant for things like that, it wouldn't look right," said Jennison. The photographer will be Gene Paltrineri, with a possible gazebo in the background for the pictures.

The prom committee plans on having small pastries and fruit for refreshments as opposed to heavy types of food. There is going to be a different selection process for choosing the king and queen, whereas at last year's prom the DJ picked them. The DJ for this

year's prom will be the same as last year's, Jean-Paul, and scheduled for after the prom is a get together at the Tin Palace, in Durham, with slides, games, and pizza on hand.

According to the Junior class advisor, Mrs. Tagliaferro, "March and April are our busiest months, where people are working their hardest on making final plans and orders. Before it was just the preliminaries, nothing was permanent, and now we are confirming and focusing on those ideas."

Prom committee members include, chairperson Jen Olson, Tory

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PERSIAN GULF WAR HITS CLOSE TO HOME

by David Schommer

Now that Operation Desert Storm has subsided, Americans can begin to mourn the lives lost, and look forward to the return of friends and family who survived the Gulf war.

Prior to Operation Desert Storm, while the United States was still training in the Gulf, a Durham man, Mike Chinburg was killed in a practice flight. A 1982 graduate of Oyster River, he was the son of Dale and Eileen Chinburg. He died when he crashed in the Saudi desert.

Portsmouth was also hit with tragedy, when David G. Plasch died in the Gulf on February,

27th 1991.

Some of Oyster River's students and faculty with loved ones in the Gulf were spared this tragedy but not the fear of that loss.

Mark DeRocchi, a sophomore at Oyster River had his father stationed in the Gulf from Thanksgiving to the present. Sergeant DeRocchi also served one year in the Vietnam conflict. When Mark was asked how he felt about his father being stationed in the Gulf he replied "I'm proud of my father, and I'd like to have been there with him."

Claire Grondin, a secretary at Oyster River has a son who is stationed in the Gulf.

Brian Grondin, an Oyster River graduate has been stationed in the Gulf since August sixteenth. Brian is stationed on a Naval ship. He carries out search and seizures. His ship, as of February 24th, held the record for carried out search and seizures one hundred in total. Brian's family still has not been informed when Brian will be permitted to come home.

Senior Daniel Ellison summed up Oyster River's feelings for the Gulf war best when he said "I'm glad that the Gulf war has ended and we can get back on the road to peace and happiness."

Brandon Ammann named Student Representative

by Jessie Crockett

Brandon Ammann is the newly elected student representative to the school board. He has replaced senior Sarah Whitten whose term ended with the election on March 8.

To have one's name placed on the ballot a student rep. candidate must have a petition signed by at least 40 members of the student body. The petitions must be returned to the student council advisor within three days.

Ammann's goals for his term include, "more actively representing the students' opinions by not being

afraid to voice them and speaking out strongly against all budget cuts".

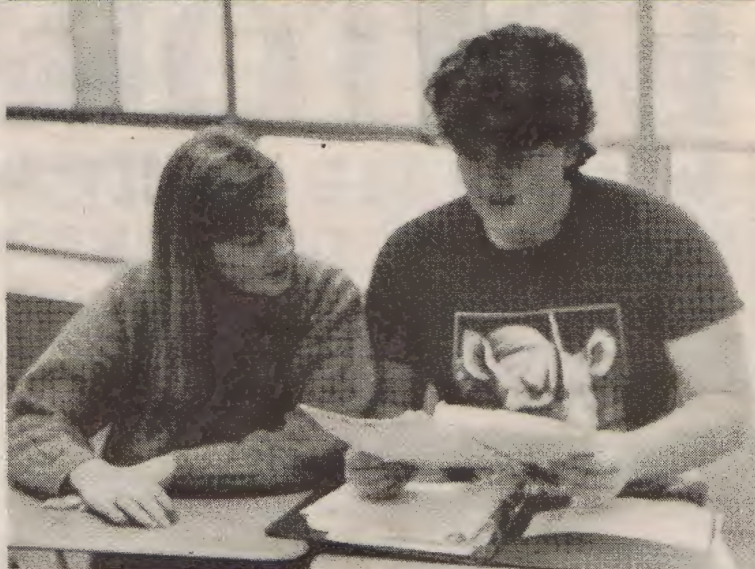
Said Sarah Whitten of her term as student rep to the school board, "I'm glad I did it. It was an eye-opening experience". The student representative is expected to attend all school board meetings which are held 3-4 times each month, as well as all student council meetings. The representative acts as a liaison between the two groups.

The student rep. also brings student petitions before the school board. Sarah

said, "More students should be aware that they can bring things before the student council or the school board".

Petitions by students have been presented by the student representative in the past including a petition this year concerning the students' feelings on budget cuts. In order to be brought before the board the petition must either be signed by 15% of the student body or have been proposed by a student council majority vote.

Whitten's advice to newly elected rep. Brandon Ammann: "The



most important thing is not to be afraid to speak up at the meet-

ings because that's what you are there for."

Student registration sign-ups for 1991-92 course selections

by Matt Koener

The student registration and course sign up selection process for the 1991-92 school year is now well under way. The February 28 class meetings reminded students of the vocational options open as well as the procedures that will take place for student enrollment this year.

The class meetings were conducted by Mr. Hall and Mrs. MacKay.

They stated, "The goal is we want to help you." The standard procedures of handing out the Program of Studies booklet and talk of individual student meetings were brought up.

Student meetings began March 7, and are expected to continue for at least 2-3 weeks.

Reduction in the number of teachers will lead to fewer courses offered next year. Four of the six alternating-year English courses

will not be offered next year. In the whole curriculum, six courses that were offered this year will not be taught next year. In the P.E. department, there will be fewer activities offered. It is expected that class sizes will increase, according to guidance.

Students interested in the Dover Vocational classes should see Mr. Hall for more information. There will be a trip to visit Dover on March 27, periods 5, 6, and 7. Some of the 37 students presently enrolled in these classes will take interested students on a tour of the facilities. "I want them to see the whole facility," says Mr. Hall. "My goal is to create awareness." Students still interested will then return at a later date for a "more in-depth" study of the student's area of interest, according to Mr. Hall.

Student schedules for next year should be ready sometime in late May.

Students return from Costa Rica

by Eric Singer

Over February vacation the biology classes and anyone who was interested went to Costa Rica to have more than just another class room study.

The members on the trip were Danielle Tischler, Stephanie Gray, Tricia Crockett, Chris Cloitre, Mara Pike, Jean Croaker, Ruth Bristol, and Mr. and Mrs. Byrnes. What Mr. Byrnes was trying to do was to create an "adventure vacation" and biology class atmosphere said Mr. Byrnes.

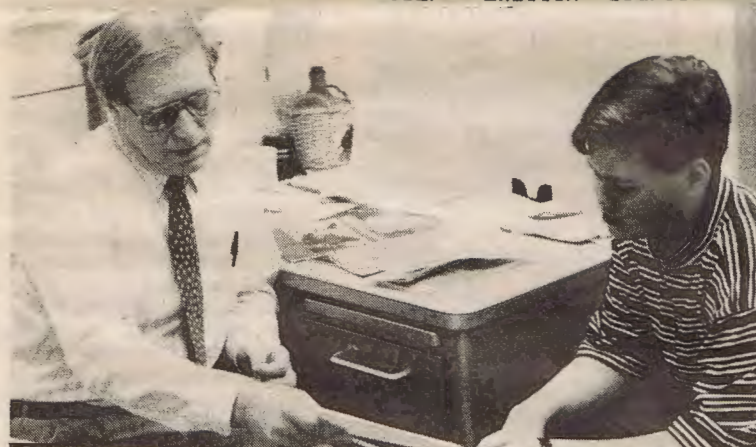
This trip and previous biology trips are not funded school trips. Mr. Byrnes does most of the travel arrangements himself, in order to find a low enough cost so more people can afford, and go on the trips.

The vacationers stayed in a variety of places; for example, rustic cabins containing cots and bunks, and hotel rooms costing five dollars a night.

Overall the trip cost nine hundred and fifty dollars. They didn't camp in the rain forests because of limitations on what they could bring (one pack per person for ten days.) Some of the money for the trip came from funds donated by Mrs. Milliken, who used to teach science at Oyster River High School.

"Mr. Byrnes chose Costa Rica because it was easily accessible and has a rich diversity and a good medical situation and geography ranging from the high mountains to the Caribbean coast to the Pacific coast."

"It was a fantastic trip," stated Mr. Byrnes. He was also surprised that the Costa Ricans were so conservation minded because cattle is fast becoming a large industry. Steph Gray states that it was "exciting," and the Costa Ricans were going to be hard to forget."



OR Guidance Counselor Roger Hall takes on active role in student's 91-92 course selection process.

Eighteen students from OR involved in USSR exchange

by Jessie Crockett

"A cross cultural exchange" is what Mr. Herlihy is calling this year's trip to Russia by students and faculty members of Oyster River. The exchange will involve staying with host families rather than in hotels. Students will also attend classes at an English-speaking Russian school in Leningrad.

Special activities, such as a trip to the Leningrad Circus, the Hermitage Museum and the War Memorial are planned as well as any day trips the host families may have planned outside of the city.

The eighteen students and adults involved are corresponding with their host families. Gabe Brown said that he had sent two letters and had received a letter and a photo from his host family. The group is

also taking language lessons to help prepare for the trip.

This will be Mr. Herlihy's fourth visit to the Soviet Union. It will be his first time leading the trip himself. He is also working on an exchange that will bring a boy, a girl, and one teacher from the Leningrad school to study at Oyster River next fall.

Those going on the trip are: Margot Anderson, Brown, Kristin Bub, Beth Dell, Kyle Downey, Chris Jerard, Mary McCleery, Ben Rous, Nahanni Rous, Jay Seger, Alexia Taylor, Ellen Williams, Judy Williams, Ann Draper-Brown, Alex Herlihy, Bob Nilson, Emma Rous, and Walter Rous.

The trip will take place from April 19 to May 4.

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EDITORIAL

WHO SHOULD DECIDE WHO STAYS AND WHO GOES NEXT YEAR?

By March 31, 1991, several teachers at Oyster River will receive pink slips. It is proposed that one teacher be cut from the science, math and physical education departments, other teacher cuts include: 5 in business, 6 in foreign language, 1.4 in English and 4-6 in social studies.

Aside from teachers themselves, it is the students at OR who stand to lose the most. Fewer teachers will mean that students won't get as much personal attention in school or after school. Yet, we have no say in which teachers are cut.

Currently, the decision to cut teachers is based on a 1979 School Board policy for teacher reductions. This policy calls for a point system to be used as the method for determination of who gets cut. In the point system, teachers receive points for experience, training and performance. Twelve years after it was created, this policy will soon be put into effect for the first time.

I would rather see a teacher cut because he or she was not a good teacher than see a teacher cut because he or she didn't have enough points. Teachers should be evaluated thoroughly before they are fired. Teachers with tenure, are currently evaluated once a year and those without tenure are evaluated approximately three times a year. According to Principal Ann Draper Brown, the purpose of these evaluations is to insure that teachers maintain a high quality of instruction. These evaluations have little to do with the upcoming teacher cuts.

I think it is almost impossible to accurately assess a teacher after one day out of 180 days. I do not doubt that administration officials could evaluate teachers for cuts but it is fair to say that a class of twenty students could give an equally if not more accurate assessment of a teachers ability. Evaluators may evaluate very accurately what they see for one day but students would have a semester or full-year of class time to base their evaluations on.

Students should have the right to contribute to the changes at OR. I don't expect cries of "No reductions without representation", but if students care about the quality of their education, they need to take an active role.

IMPRESSIONS OF OYSTER RIVER

by Ellen Lalicata

My first impression of this school when I arrived here in January as a transfer from Dover High School was that the students seemed to have the freedom to take control of their own lives. The fact that they were trusted by the teachers to roam the school grounds during their free periods was amazing to me. I never knew teachers could be so laid-back about something like that. It was a welcome change from my old school. In Dover, the teachers are really uptight about everything. I remember how I was outside the door of one of my classes when the bell rang and my teacher gave me an hour detention for it. In this school, I see kids strolling into their classes five minutes after the bell has rung and their teachers don't even blink twice about it. Another example is that in order to go to the bathroom in Dover, you had to

fill out a pass and have your teacher sign it. If a student is caught in the hall without a pass, detention will result. The teachers at Dover have no trust in their students whatsoever.

I also noticed that most of the students are more mature and more down-to-earth than what I'm used to. They're not afraid to be themselves and appear to be open and friendly to everybody. Because of this, I felt more comfortable being myself and didn't have such a hard time fitting in.

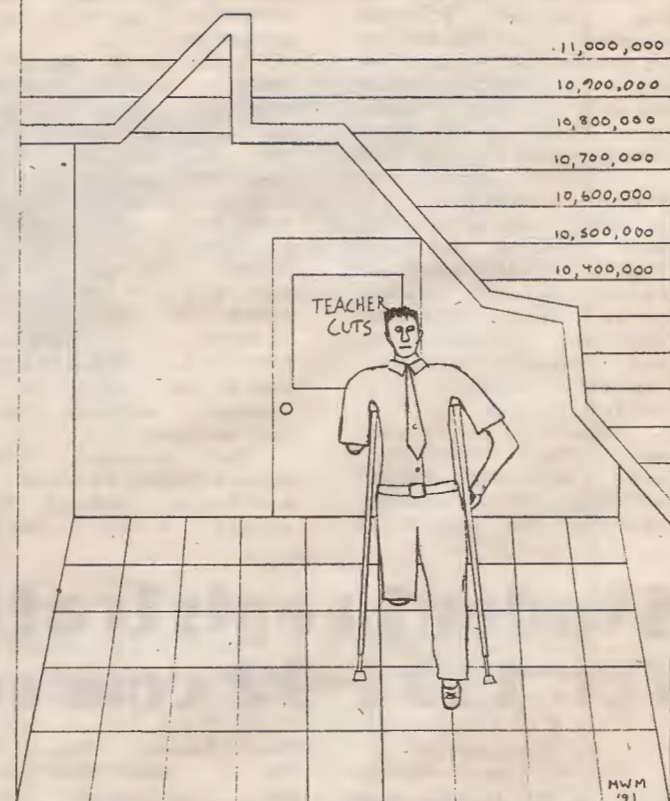
The only change that I have mixed feelings about is the workload each student is given. The teachers seem to hand out a tremendous amount of homework to all of their classes. I still have yet to get used to that. When I went to Dover, I hardly had any homework. Only on rare occasions did I need to bring a book home from school. Once I arrived here, all that changed. I felt

like I needed a portable locker in order to bring home all the schoolwork assigned to me.

Although I don't appreciate the amount of work, I do appreciate the chance to actually learn something during my last years of high school. The teachers here seem to have high expectations of all their students judging on the kind of work they give them. For this reason, I feel that the students are treated as if they have some intelligence, even if in some cases there is only a small amount.

Even though I've been enrolled here for about two months, I haven't once regretted switching into this school. Coming to a place where I'm treated as a human being rather than a caged animal was the best move I have ever made.

These budget cuts will cost an arm and a leg



WAS THE O.R. BUDGET VOTE A VICTORY FOR EDUCATION?

by Andrea Collins

"Hooray!" We all exclaimed, after hearing that the proposed budget passed at the March 7th School District meeting. It wasn't even close, with over a 300 vote margin, and yet what a relief to know the Taxpayer's Association was defeated...or was it? Was this really such a great victory for education, or was it only a half victory?

How many people realized that Article 19, the proposed budget for the Oyster River Cooperative School District was actually around 5% less than the budget the school board proposed? Not many. The fact of the matter is that the budget that passed is not ideal or even great. There are many cuts in personnel, expenditures on materials, equipment, and

plant improvements.

All of these cuts will affect students' lives. Classes will be noticeably larger. Computer access will become more difficult, and the building will merely be "maintained". Does this mean they will stop removing asbestos from the plant or just that the cafeteria will be puke-brown forever? Where will available monies be allocated, and who decides?

There are still many unanswered questions about next year's budget. The discussion is far from over. We must not relax and believe all is well, when in fact, all is not well. Stay concerned, because, as they say... we may have won the battle, but the war for quality public education is still up for grabs.

PERSIAN GULF WAR- GOOD THING OR BAD

by Mark MacBeth

The recent incidents in the Persian Gulf have been a centerpoint of many opinions and questions lately. Sides have been taken on whether to support the allied troops in Saudi Arabia. A question raised was, "Could a person support the troops and still demonstrate for peace" or "Could a person favor peace but still condone military action."

I fully supported the United States intervention at the start of the air assaults on Iraq positions. Now, I have mixed reactions to the outcome of Kuwait's

liberation. It is good that Kuwait is free again but at what cost?

Much of Kuwait has been destroyed along with its oil industry. Heavy tolls have also been scored against the civilian population. Could the damage have been less extensive if the coalition forces had not intervened in the matter?

Getting back to the original question of how to side in a war, people should stand for their country but give peace a chance first. Battles over issues can be won by cooperation of opposing sides through diplomacy before the battle lines form.

Goalie Mike Williams loves the role of moving target

by Matt Koener

What would be the first thing to go through your mind if a small solid rubber disk came flying at you at speeds between 45-60 mph? What if your job was to place your body in front of it? Well this is the job that senior varsity hockey player, Mike Williams, takes on each time he steps (or skates) in front of the hockey net.

Mike places his responsibility first when it comes to his job. The first thing that comes to mind when a puck is directed towards him, is to "save it." Only after the play does he concern himself with any injuries he may have obtained.

The over-all team's record of 3-18-1 doesn't reflect Mike's "very good" ability to do his job, according to Head Coach Jeff Smith. Mike turned away approximately 580-590 shots out of an estimated 640 attempts. This season Mike allowed, on the average, 4 goals per game—half as many as last year. This raised his save percentage to 89.5%.

Mike got on the track of playing goalie in the third grade. At the time, "I wasn't a good skater," and "I didn't like to skate,"

he said. At the same time his older brother "got bored" playing goalie and Mike was offered his new career.

After starting to play it, "I liked it." When asked if he would rather play a different position, he responded with a positive, "NO!"

Coach Smith expressed that, in warm-ups, Mike takes "Lots of shots." Along with that, Mike takes part in most of the other team activities and also takes his work home with him. On his own time he does various exercises to help increase his reflex speed and agility. Mike also gets extra goalie time playing ice hockey and street hockey with friends.

"He was very valuable to the team," says Coach Smith. "He has the right attitude. He's definitely one of

the best in the Seacoast."

Teammate Mike Moriarty, said he was the "backbone to the team. He's always there for the big save. He was good for the team's ego."

More than once Mike was named "the leader" of the team.

Coach Smith said, "I wish he could return next year." This wish will stay a wish. Mike plans to pursue his career as goal keeper in college next year.

Presently he is looking at St. Michaels, Vermont or the University of Southern Maine.

When asked what he thought was the secret to his success, Mike answered, "I LOVE the game."



Goalie Mike Williams

OR Music Department to present the '91 Spring musical, 'The Fantasticks'

by John Tersolo

"The Fantasticks," a musical directed by Dana Twiss, starring juniors Meredith Sawyer and Emily Franzosa, and seniors Sarah Jones and Nate Lapierre, will be presented on April 3, 4, 5, and 6. It will be performed in the gym by two groups, cast A and cast B.

"The Fantasticks" is a musical about two fathers who decide to control their children into thinking that the parents hate each other in order to bring the two kids together. Senior Bill Stansfield and junior Scot Long play the fathers in cast A, with Ben Stamper and sophomore Gabe Brown performing in cast B.

The children, Matt and Luisa, are led to believe that they are doing something romantically dangerous and fall deeper in love. Matt is played by sophomore Stephen Crawford (cast A), and James Walsh (cast B). Luisa, Matt's love, is played by Meredith (A), and Sarah (B).

The fathers decide to end their feud by hiring a band of actors to attempt to carry Luisa off and allow

Matt to play the hero and rejoin the family. El Gallo, the chief actor and narrator of the play, is performed by Nate Lapierre (A) and Emily Franzosa in cast B.

Other actors in the gang include Henry, a tired old actor past his prime, and his partner Mortimer. Sophomore Owain Harris and senior Andy Pudil play the actors in cast A, with junior John Tersolo and senior Brendan Crill in cast B. Sophomore Briana Campbell (A) and junior Ben Hudson (B) play mutes who hand out props to the actors and remain on stage through the entire play. "The Fantasticks" features an eight foot, three-level platform, which is why the larger stage opening on the gym side is needed. As a result of some complications with rehearsals, some students may perform in both casts. Cast A performs on the first night (Wednesday) and Friday, and cast B performs Thursday and closing night.

Ruth Bristol and Amy Ulrich are the stage managers of the musical,

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classes and anyone who was interested went to Costa Rica to have more, than just another class room study.

The members on the trip were Danielle Tischler, Stephanie Gray, Tricia Crockett, Chris Cloitre, Mara Pike, Jean Croaker, Ruth Bristol, and Mr. and Mrs. Byrnes. What Mr. Byrnes was trying to do was to create an "adventure vacation" and biology class atmosphere said Mr. Byrnes.

This trip and previous biology trips are not funded school trips. Mr. Byrnes does most of the travel arrangements himself, in order to find a low enough cost so more people can afford, and go on the trips.

The vacationers stayed in a variety of places; for example, rustic cabins containing cots and bunks, and hotel rooms costing five dollars a night.

didn't camp in the rain forests because of limitations on what they could bring (one pack per person for ten days.) Some of the money for the trip came from funds donated by Mrs. Milliken, who used to teach science at Oyster River High School.

"Mr. Byrnes chose Costa Rica because it was easily accessible and has a rich diversity and a good medical situation and geography ranging from the high mountains to the Caribbean coast to the Pacific coast."

"It was a fantastic trip," stated Mr. Byrnes. He was also surprised that the Costa Ricans were so conservation minded because cattle is fast becoming a large industry. Steph Gray states that it was "exciting," and the Costa Ricans were going to be hard to forget."

SMOKING POLICY, UP IN SMOKE?

by Michael Moriarty

"I only smoke in school," is a statement that was meant to be stopped by a new smoking law. The law went into effect January first of this year. It restricts smoking in all places of public access. This includes Oyster River High School bathrooms. There is to be a one-hundred dollar fine to anyone who is caught smoking in a restricted area. In school this prevents both the students, and the teachers from lighting up. Although the law has been in effect for three months, only one student has been caught, and to quote senior Lance Waterfield, "There is, without a doubt, smoking still going on in the bathrooms."

The law states that smoking in, "places of public ownership, and enclosed

places accessible to the public is, detrimental to the health of all who use such facilities." The law went into effect to, "...protect the health of the people..."

The Oyster River administration feels that this is a good idea, however they are having problems enforcing the new rules. Senior Eric Singer sums this up by saying, "They're never gonna catch us. We're smarter than they are." Principal Ann Brown acknowledges this and that it is hard for Nancy Winterbottom, Neil Shapiro, and herself to catch the students because of look-out systems developed by the smokers. The one student that was caught was caught by a teacher rather than the administration. Ms Brown feels that the school "Needs kids to exert peer

pressure." Not to actually tattle on friends, but rather to explain the situation to them. The situation being that "It bothers more people than it doesn't."

Assistant Principal, Neil Shapiro has a more optimistic view on the situation. He feels that "[you] will see a decrease [in smoking] with time and education."

Education might not be the problem. The smokers feel that a right has been taken away from them. "We should be able to smoke if we want to," one student (name withheld) said of the law. "Some laws have to be broken," another said with "butt" in hand.

Lance Waterfield sums it all up by saying "It seems that this problem will never be resolved. As long as there are bathrooms, there will be smokers in them."

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chance to enjoy some more activities.

Mrs. Hopkins, sophomore class advisor, said that after the event with the freshman class in March, the sophomores have some plans of their own.

"What we have scheduled for April 6th is a night at The Works," Mrs. Hopkins said. "It will be determined soon for the students." One sophomore, Gabe Brown said, "I am really waiting for the night at The Works." Gabe went on to say that he would like to see more activities like this one.

Josh Hardy agreed

with Gabe saying that "more things should be done by the Sophomores without involving the Freshman class."

In May the Sophomore class has planned a trip to Canobie Lake Park in Salem, New Hampshire. "The details of this trip have not been worked out yet," said Mrs. Hopkins. The final trip of the year involves a hike through a park in the White Mountains. This, too, is in the planning stage and details will follow.

Students in either class should contact their student representatives for any other information about these events.

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of enforcement and educational aspects."

"If the parents have reason to suspect that their child is having problems with drugs then they have a right to check the rooms, but not the right to just make monthly checkups on their child's life", commented Chasteen.

C.H.A.I.N. is an organization that represents the towns of Durham, Lee, and Madbury. According to Jack Lynes, the chairman of C.H.A.I.N., all individuals of Durham, Lee, and Madbury are members. Their mission is to coordinate the resources of the community for the prevention of substance abuse. Oyster River senior Chasteen is the high school representative to the group.



Choppin' Broccoli spike their way to Clam Slam finals

STUDENT DIRECTED PLAYS INCLUDE DRAMA, COMEDY, ACTION

I would rather see a teacher cut because he or she was not a good teacher than see a teacher cut because he or she didn't have enough points. Teachers should be evaluated thoroughly before they are fired. Teachers with tenure, are currently evaluated once a year and those without tenure are evaluated approximately three times a year. According to Principal Ann Draper Brown, the purpose of these evaluations is to insure that teachers maintain a high quality of instruction. These evaluations have little to do with the upcoming teacher cuts.

I think it is almost impossible to accurately assess a teacher after one day out of 180 days. I do not doubt that administration officials could evaluate teachers for cuts but it is fair to say that a class of twenty students could give an equally if not more accurate assessment of a teachers ability. Evaluators may evaluate very accurately what they see for one day but students would have a semester or full-year of class time to base their evaluations on.

Students should have the right to contribute to the changes at OR. I don't expect cries of "No reductions without representation", but if students care about the quality of their education, they need to take an active role.

casting could not have been better.

Skot Long, in his hip-high wading boots and his wife's dress, portrayed the hilariously antagonized Mr. Harris. His poor wife, unable to reach her iron's electrical outlet, was the perfectly sarcastic and independent Kate Smith. Amy Holmes played the senile tuba-tooting mother. Sleeping on the ironing board and fondling the Inspector's hands were some of her favorite antics. Bryan Killough (Right, sir!) was the British copper with the stiff upper lip. This part, though small, had the audience rolling with laughter.

Though all of the above actors were played with a near-professional caliber of talent, it was Stephanie Adams who stole the show. As the moustachioed Inspector, her performance was the star of an already superb show. It was easily among the funniest performances that I have seen in my four years at ORHS. Using sentence structure that only the most attentive of English teachers could follow, she entertained the audience to no end. For those readers who missed the show, I can only say that you missed quite a night!

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Jennison, Mandy Tappan, Jessica Orkin, Jonah Salloway, Anita Mathur, Erica Beck, Jon Criswell, and Shannon Veno. Also helping are junior class officers, Jim Spires, Greg Provencher, Alex Roy, and Frank Sabin.

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effects are that there may be a certain event someone wants to do but the positions are filled up fast because of so many people on the team. So it calls for extensive research to see who is the best in each event to see who gets what spot.

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mented Amos Townsend, a School Board member.

This is the highest attendance for a school board meeting since 1963 when the high school was first being proposed to be built.

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towards it. Junior

Angie Twombly, said, "I have a feeling that my grades will go down because the teachers won't give me that much individualized attention."

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Festival will be a great learning experience for everyone.

IMPRESSIONS OF OYSTER RIVER

by Ellen Lalicata

Teams have hundreds of people and they must have a hard time not arguing," Junior Mara Kerns stated. But a small team isn't always an advantage according to team members.

The team itself lost three seniors from last year, Amy Martin, Lisa Barney, and Kathleen Cuniff. But managed to work hard and meet their goals. "Overall, we did very well," Kerns said.

Team members are Amy Levesque, Mara Kerns, Stephanie Chasteen, Jen Jenkins, Jen Thompson, Katrin Bergeron, Monica Hudson, and Amy Ulrich.

fill out a pass and like I needed a port- against Monadnock showed clearly that the Bobcat team can work

Brandon commented.

At the Hanover Invitational, Brendan Crill placed fifth in the tri-state mile.

In order are the top four point scorers for the team; Brendan Crill, Roberto Acosta, Russ Warren and Brandon Ammann. In addition, Kyle Krouse, Mike Northrop, Phil Nazzaro, Tim Myers, and Eric Harter also lettered. Other members of the team not mentioned include Gabe Brown, Mark MacBeth, and Sebastien Roy.

and play together for the year to come.

The outlook for next season is good according to team members "I think we will do well next year with 3 starters to build upon we should be equal or better [than this season]." coach Baker commented.

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OYSTER RIVER READY TO KICK OFF '91 SPRING SPORTS SEASON

by Kevin Haley

Spring is in the air and it's time for the girls' tennis, track, and softball teams to hit the field. Each program will be looking at changes this year with the loss of players and coaches.

Of the three teams, softball will be facing the most changes. Last year's team of 3-14 graduated six players including two pitchers, the catcher and the entire infield. Of last year's team only two seniors, Sue Varholy and Elaine Courtemanche, are expected to return.

Another reform in the program is the addition of new head coach Jackie Plante. Players are looking forward to working with their new coach and are welcoming her new style of play. "Hopefully she (Plante) can change the program around and we can win more games this season," said Senior Sue Varholy. "Last year we lacked discipline, hopefully she can give us that."

According to Plante, Varholy won't have anything to worry about. "My philosophy is dedication, and I am going to put an emphasis on skill work, and the fundamentals. I'm here to help them piece it all together."

This year's team will be young with an estimated 13 freshmen trying out along with a couple of sophomores and juniors and only two seniors.

The girls' track team faces similar changes. Last year's

team, which finished second in class I, lost only three seniors, but among them was Lisa Barney, the only 1000 point scorer in Oyster River history. Along with addition of new head coach Wayne Scott, the team will be welcoming back five seniors, Jen Thompson, Stephanie Chasteen, Melissa Geeslin, Cathy Burger and Jen Jenkins.

Coach Scott plans on changing the emphasis from distance events to concentrating on the field events. "In the past we have relied on our distance runners. This year I will be emphasizing the field events. I'm not going to worry about the loss of seniors, you can't replace them. You've got to take what you've got and develop them."

Senior runner Jen Thompson is hoping he can strengthen the team. "He has a good idea of weight events and hurdles. We have strong individuals, hopefully we can pull together as a team."

Scott feels that although the team is relatively young that they will be very competitive. Approximately 22 girls are planned to participate, bringing new talent and strength to the team.

The girls' tennis team is the only one with relatively few changes. Last year's team of 4-12 lost only one senior out of the top six players, and the top three, Seniors Marnie Hylton, Laurie Paquette, and Junior Meredith Sawyer will be the backbone of a solid

team.

Coach Ginger Craig feels the team will be "pretty strong. We have a lot of freshmen, and all of the girls worked hard all summer long. We stand a better chance this year because most of the teams we played last year lost their top players."

Junior Meredith Sawyer shares coach Craig's optimism. "We are going really far this year. The competition is weak and we've got five of our top six back this year."

Coach Craig plans to work on building the girls' skills and to work on the middle game and "to win or course."

The softball team opens its season on April 8 at home against Somersworth, while tennis is at Somersworth the same day. Track doesn't begin competing until April 10 at Pinkerton.

by Chris Andersen

The Boys Spring Sports Teams have been holding meetings before the try-outs to give the players an idea of what to expect and to give the coaches a look at the teams. Try-outs for the Spring Sports began March 18.

The baseball coach had the students planning to try-out for the team put information like their name, position they want to play, which way they hit and throw, onto an index card so that the coach could have an idea of who to look for at the try-outs in each position. The team lost only a few players to graduation so the majority of the team will be players that were on the team last year. "I feel that it is good when you have the younger players on a varsity team, it gives them the experience and taste of

competition so that they can improve for the next year," said senior Matt Cloutier. When players that were on the teams last year were asked how they thought they would do this year, the majority of them said, "We're going to win."

The Tennis Team is looking great for this season with senior veterans Alex Collins and Sam Poole holding the top two seats. The competition for the Tennis team looks overwhelming at first, but the players on the Oyster River Tennis Team make State Championships seem easy.

The Boys Spring Track Team has an abundance of runners for the spring season. Most of the trackies like the idea that there are so many people going out for track, but some side

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GIRLS' TRACK PUTS SEVERAL IN STATE MEET

by Nicole Bellabona

Comaraderie and hard work pulled together a successful season for the Girls' Winter Track team according to team members.

Although the team was stricken by injuries and sickness throughout the season, they were successful in their meets and qualified runners in the state and New England competitions. Amy Levesque, Jen Thomp-

son, and Stephanie Chasteen qualified to run at the state meet, and Jen Thompson went on to the New England's, where she placed 6th in the 1600 meter run. The team's 4 by 800 relay, made up of Amy Levesque, Jen Jenkins, Jen Thompson and Stephanie Chasteen, also qualified for New England's, but decided not to compete.

"We want to prepare ourselves for our Spring track season

with as much rest as possible," sophomore Amy Levesque stated.

Track is a sport in which the personal success of each member contributes to the team, members say.

"The closeness of the team, helps us so much, we're individual yet united," Levesque commented.

Friendship is something very familiar to the girls in Winter

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BOYS' TRACK WRAPS-UP SUCCESSFUL SEASON

by Sean Healy

A successful boys' winter track team achieved a 10-1 season record. With that accomplished, the team concentrated on the New England Championship meet. At the New England's at Brown University, the Bobcats captured two tenth place finishes and an eleventh and a twelfth place finish.

Individual accomplishments at the New England's include a

tenth place by Roberto Acosta in the 600 meter run. In the 1000 meter run, Brendan Crill took tenth place. Brendan commented on his race; "It's hard to stay in peak condition for a month between races."

A 4x800 meter relay team consisting of Brendan Crill, Eric Harter, Phil Nazzaro, and Russ Warren took eleventh place. The 4x400 meter relay team that took twelfth place consists of Roberto

Acosta, Brendan Crill, Russ Warren, and Kyle Krouse.

The Bobcats left the state meet with three finishes under tenth place. Roberto Acosta took fourth place in the 1600 meter run. A 4x400 meter relay team consisting of Brendan Crill, Roberto Acosta, Russ Warren, and Kyle Krouse finished sixth. Brendan Crill captured sixth place in the 1000 meter run.

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Boys' Basketball-

Bobcats lose by one point in last minute of Class "I" quarterfinal

by Sarah Whitten

The Oyster River boys basketball team finished their season with a disappointing one-point loss to Kingswood High School, in the quarterfinal round of Class I play-offs.

"I think the last game epitomized our season," said senior Sam Poole, "but we stayed together as a team, and we had fun and that's what counts."

In the final game junior Bryan Rutland led the Bobcats with 14 points, while seniors Erik Halldorson and Evan Wallman scored 13, and 11 respectively. Oyster River had already lost to Kingswood twice during the season.

With two minutes left in regulation time, the Bobcats were up by five points. Kingswood came back to lead by one on a foul. The Bobcats had one last chance to win the game and with 11 seconds left, Scott Poteet brought the ball down and passed it to Evan Wallman. Wallman drove by his man and pulled up for a jumpshot. He was then called for charging,

an offensive foul, with 3 seconds left. A technical was then called on an excited Kingswood player when he ran down to the other end of the court and hung on the rim. The technical was revoked and Kingswood managed to run down the clock, leaving the Bobcat team with its, "most heart-breaking loss of the season," according to Rutland.

"You don't call fouls like that in a big game, you just don't," said Evan Wallman on his offensive foul.

To earn their spot in the play-offs, the team had beaten Goffstown 67-62 in an elimination game. "It was our biggest win of the season. We played strong defense and we got the shots we needed," said Wallman.

When asked to reflect on the season, coach Don Maynard said that a definite strong point was that his team was "close knit. There were a lot of players that were able to contribute."

He also thought the season was frustrating in that it, "lacked consistent scoring and a strong defense." He

SPORTS



The Boys Basketball team takes a timeout in Wolfeboro

summed up the season by saying, "the ball just never ever, ever bounced our way."

Erik Halldorson thought the season was, "full of close games." He also thought the team didn't "get any breaks."

According to Maynard the next season's team will be a lot of fun to watch, "there will be a lot of running," and, "we're goin' for it, (the championship)"

The boys held down a tough 20 game

schedule, playing top ranked teams like Merrimack Valley, and Pembroke, and finished with an 8-12 record. The junior varsity team finished 9-12 and freshman 0-20.

HOCKEY TEAM MAKES NH TOURNAMENT LOSES TO TRINITY 8-1 IN FIRST ROUND

by David Madson

Aided by two late-season wins, the Oyster River varsity hockey team ended its season on a high note by making it to the playoffs.

These regular season wins against Lebanon and Exeter clinched the final playoff berth.

However, these late-season wins did not build enough momentum to topple undefeated Trinity in the first round of the playoffs. The Bobcats lost, 8-1, giving them a 3-15-1 record over the season.

Senior Jon Roy led the Bobcats with 12

points, with seniors Toby Mautz, Scott Matseas, Chris Loughlin, and junior Owen Bruder right behind. Senior goaltender Mike Williams ended the season with 650 saves with 71 goals scored.

"The team often had difficulty rising to the challenge of a higher-ranked team," said senior defenseman Lance Waterfield.

"It was a disappointing season," said Loughlin.

However, not all skaters felt this way. Senior Captain Toby Mautz said, "We always worked hard, we had pride. Overall, I had a fun year."

Several players felt that the fan support was helpful. "We had some fantastic fans," commented Waterfield.

The Bobcat Varsity team included seniors Williams, Mike Moriarty, Mautz, Loughlin, Waterfield, Scott Matseas, Blake Garrigan, John Roy, Jeff Bibbo; junior Alex Roy; sophomores O. Bruder, Scott Troxell, Darren Miller, Dan Gault, John Hill; freshmen Matt Blasik, Scott McGarrell, Ed Priestley, and Mike Merenda.



Stefany Shaheen, Lesley Anderson, Jen Friel, and Holly MacKay

GIRLS' BASKETBALL SEASON ENDS IN FIRST ROUND "I" PLAYOFF LOSS

by Amy Levesque

The Varsity girls basketball team led by captains Dawn-Ellyn Bousquin, Lori Slipin and Brenda Worden finished their season with a record of 8-10 while the JV team led by captain Nicole Bellabona had an ending record of 1-17.

The Varsity Girls Basketball season came to a close with a Class I loss to Monadnock on Wednesday, February 20 with a score of 34-65. Despite the loss of some key players due to senior absences the Bobcat team strutted their stuff against the

overwhelming Huskies. "Some of the girls towered above us," sophomore Nicole Bellabona stated. "All of a sudden a theme song similar to Rocky played as they pounded their way onto the court. We tried our hardest and didn't stop until the end."

The team overall had a better season than last year according to team members "We played more as a team and not as individuals," senior Brenda Worden stated. Sophomore Jen Friel was a high scorer with an average of 15 points

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Oyster River Bobcats face off against opponents.

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